6 April 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting General Counsel

SUBJECT:

Distribution of Unclassified FBID Reports

REFERENCE:

Memorandum for General Counsel from Chief, COAPS, dated 27 February 1950 (attached)

1. Like sun spots, migratory fowl, and economic crises, this subject is about to have one of its recurrent eruptions. The present interest in FBID unclassified reports arises from the creation in General Services of an officer charged with a review of the reproduction aspects of Agency publications.

2. In view of the above, I rejuctantly must request that your office inform me as to action taken subsequent to referenced memorandum. I would suppose that the legal problems (libel, copyright, unfair competition, etc.) have been in some way or other solved, inasmuch as there do not appear to have been any legal repercussions in the three years since the referenced memorandum. Hevertheless, it would be helpful to this office at this time in its attempt to bring together the proper desires of General Services to reduce expense and the proper desires of FBID to produce and distribute widely its publications, if we could be brought up to date as to CGC's consideration of subject from 1950 to date.

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